

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Examiner:
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Lown) Art Unit:
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Serial No.:)
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Filed:) November 19, 2003
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For: CONTAINER AND SEALING)
COVER)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Remarks

This continuation application was filed to overcome the Examiner's objections (in an Advisory Action) to claims 1 and 8 set forth in the Amendment After Final in the parent application serial number 10/204,684 ("684 application") which amendment was filed on October 10, 2003, but not entered. The drawings submitted with the present application contain the changes approved by the Examiner in the Advisory Action in the '684 application dated October 29, 2003.

Claim 1 was objected to as raising a new matter issue in calling for the inner sealing flange to taper outwardly. The specification, at page 7, lines 6-7, clearly points out that the sealing flange can be tapered outwardly. Claim 8 in that amendment was objected to as raising a new issue by way of adding limitations. However claim 8 was cancelled in the first amendment filed in the '684 application. Rather than argue the matter, applicant has filed the present continuation application